

July 29, 1942.

Mr. H. P. Dawson,  
High Rock Park,  
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Mr. Dawson:

I received a telephone call from Willie Riddick last night, telling me you did not approve the changing the date in Norfolk from August 9th and 10th to 10th and 13th. I can easily understand your reaction after reserving the date for us, however, when I explain what happened you may reconsider. If you insist, we will go through with the 9th and 10th in Norfolk as arranged.

The first and most important factor which caused the change was the gasoline situation. We were originally scheduled for that week with the New York Black Yankees, up to yesterday the Yankees have not been granted any coupons for gasoline, neither them nor the Baltimore Elite Giants. Last Sunday in New York we all got together and the Cubans, who have received gasoline coupons, have agreed to come South with us. The Yankees are going to play the Phila Stars that week-end, if they still haven't gasoline, they will be close to Phila.

I am enclosing you a copy of our second-half schedule, and you will see we are also scheduled with the Cubans the week of August 30th. We had planned to come to Norfolk for this Sunday doubleheader, this would mean we would be playing the same team in Norfolk two Sundays in the same month. Then too, in the case of the week of August 9th, if we cannot play in Norfolk the 13th, it means we would have to go to Richmond, that is not a long jump, but we are trying in every way possible to